GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:141
ANSWERED ON:16.11.2016
Stalled Railway Projedts
Trivedi Shri Dinesh

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway projects stalled in the North East Region; and

(b) the initiatives that have been taken to ensure quick development of railway connectivity in the North East?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) & (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 141 BY SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.11.2016 REGARDING STALLED RAILWAY PROJECTS.

(a) & (b): Projects in North Eastern Region have traditionally suffered on account of law and order, difficult geological conditions, inadequate fund allotment, delay in land acquisition, forestry and wild life clearances etc.
Railways have taken various measures to expedite completion of projects including substantial increase in allocation of funds, deputing central armed forces in Lumding-Silchar project for security, delegation of powers at field level, nomination of nodal officers for improved co-ordination with the State Governments etc.
As on date, 20 major railway projects consisting of 13 new lines, 2 gauge conversions and 5 doublings having aggregate length of 2624 km at a cost of `52030 crore have been taken up in North Eastern Region. An expenditure of `21336 crore has been incurred on these projects upto March, 2016. An outlay of `5040 crore has been provided for 2016-17 for these projects and residual liabilities of some completed projects.
Presently following 6 new line projects are facing major hurdles in North Eastern Region on account of various clearances, land acquisition, law and order issues:
(i) Sivok-Rangpo,
(ii) Byrnihat-Shillong,
(iii) Dimapur-Kohima,
(iv) Agartala-Akhaura,
(v) New Moynaguri-Jogighopa,
(vi) Teteliya-Byrnihat.

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